

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis deals with architecture of financial institutions in Prague – banks, savings banks and insurance companies – from the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (when the first representative headquarters of financial institution in Prague was built) to 1939. The research of the thesis is focused on territory of Prague New Town, which is included in town area of Prague 1, where the highest concentration of these financial buildings was in whole research period.

The diploma thesis will register and interpret individual headquarters of financial institution in Prague in historical, economic and political context within the Czech lands and the Habsburg monarchy, then also within the Czechoslovak Republic; and in the context of urban and wider architectural development in Prague and Europe too.

Key words: Architecture, urbanism, banks, savings banks, insurance companies, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century, Prague, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia, historic style, Art Nouveau, cubism, neo-classicism, functionalism.